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SUBJECT: HUTCHISON CASE: REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE

THIS IS AN END-OF-LONG-DAY MESSAGE.

1. DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MOST OF THE SANDWICHES THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE VENEZUELAN CONSULATE TO DATE BY MONSEÑOR POLANCO ARE PRODUCT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S CUISINE. THE SOFT DRINKS HAVE BEEN ON HIM.

2. SINCE SOME THIRTEEN PERSONS ARE SANDWICH RECIPIENTS, ONLY ONE OF WHICH IS US OFFICIAL, THIS ACTIVITY CLEARLY FALLS WITHIN THE CATEGORY OF REPRESENTATION, I.E. FURTHERING US INTERESTS. AFTER PERUSING ALL PERTINENT CURRENT REGULATIONS AS WELL AS STUDYING ALL POSSIBLE HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS WHICH MIGHT ENLIGHTEN, WE REGRETFULLY CONFESS THAT WE ARE UNABLE, WITHOUT THE DEPT'S COUNSEL AND ADVICE, TO COMPLETE THE REPRESENTATION VOUCHER. WE JUST DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO GET THE BOXES ON THE FORM TO FIT THE OCCASION. SUCH FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS ARISE AS WHETHER THE KIDNAPPERS AS WELL AS THE HOSTAGES SHOULD BE CLAIMED. CAN WE

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PROPERLY MAINTAIN THAT FEEDING KIDNAPPERS IS A SOCIAL FUNCTION

THAT PROMOTES US INTERESTS? AMONG THE HOSTAGES, THERE IS A SPANISH PRIEST OF THE DOMINICAN ORDER; HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT HIM REPRESENTATION-WISE? IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THIS PRIEST IS REFERRED TO AS "HE", WHEN THE QUESTION OF OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE WOMEN WAS DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER, THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR QUICKLY POINTED OUT THAT HIS CLIENT WORE SKIRTS. IF THE PRIEST IS CONSIDERED A LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATION CLAIM, UNDER WHAT SEX SHOULD WE LIST HIM? THESE ARE MERELY A FEW OF THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

3. ALL OF US HERE HAVE BEEN MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE OUT-  
STANDING BACKSTOPPING WE ARE RECEIVING FROM THE DEPT'S TASK FORCE  
ON THE HUTCHISON CASE. THE QUANTITY OF IMAGINATIVE QUESTIONS  
WE RECEIVE REASSURES US THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE. WE WOULD BE MOST  
APPRECIATIVE IF THE TASK FORCE WOULD PUT ITS TALENT TO WORK AND  
PROVIDE US GUIDANCE ON FILLING OUT THE REPRESENTATION VOUCHER  
BEFORE TOO MANY MORE SANDWICHES ARE EATEN.  
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